

CIV-06-1 Comments

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Dear Sir/Madam:

It is my understanding that Verizon has filed an application with DTE to be able to provide cable services to consumers in Massachusetts without being required to negotiate terms of this service with local municipalities. It is my further understanding that Verizon has had the ability under federal law since 1996 to enter the cable market. If Verizon's argument for statewide licensing is to quicken their entry into the market, why have they waited so long to begin with?

I think the system in place of having cable operators negotiate deals with each municipality is a good one and I hope DTE denies this Verizon application.


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